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**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY – Briefing Meeting / M I N U T E S**  
**Tuesday – December 9, 2008 / 2:30 p.m. (called to order by Mr. Teuber at 4:00 p.m.)**

**Attendees:** Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Board Vice Chair  
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Board Member  
Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary & District Superintendent

Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Board Chairman  
Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Board Member  
Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney  
Mrs. Denise Mangus, Recording Secretary

**A. ITEMS WITH GUESTS – None**

**B. BOARD MEMBERS**

- 1. Special Areas of Board Involvement / Reports** – Mr. Chilmonik noted Cleveland newspaper's education section where a principal's asking for federal bailout monies; he mentioned the November Board planning meeting, feeling he didn't get to cover financial as much as he wanted. Mrs. Dozier noted much information at last week's FSBA meetings; Florida and California have looked at ways to approach the federal government for education funding due to NCLB, as none of the mandates are actually funded and the Superintendent in Miami is heading up the Florida delegation for doing so. She finds the Tallahassee reductions of 10-12% disturbing, as we're cut to bare bones almost now but hopes classroom cuts will be kept as far away as possible. Mrs. Dozier commended the work by Dr. Itzen and Mrs. Boyle re the Continuous Systemic Improvement (CSI) Board Advisory Committee; the members are still working on the focus. Dr. Kuckel attended Sanibel recreation center's year anniversary. She congratulated teachers and the Foundation for the grant awards ceremony. Dr. Kuckel also noted the FSBA meetings and the federal government appeal, with the latter not having to pass a balanced budget. Mr. Teuber noted the Boy Scout event honoring Lt. Governor Kottkamp, which also had the Governor in attendance. Mr. Teuber commented Atlanta and Phoenix also applying for federal educational assistance; he asked Dr. Browder for one of the FSBA presentations to be updated with the District's numbers. Florida is around 47<sup>th</sup> for funding education (though we're 14<sup>th</sup> in nation on academics, per numbers available from two years ago). It's to be determined what the lack of funding cuts is going to do; CNN covered the Florida funding version. There was consensus for a Board Workshop on 1/23/09 at 1:00 p.m. (Dr. Scicca's not in attendance today due to recovering from surgery though watching meeting at home.)

**C. ACADEMIC SERVICES**

- 1. Discussion / School Names [Tanglewood Riverside Elementary; New K-8 Michigan-Ballard & Marsh]** – Dr. Browder provided background on original name (10 years ago an ESE center); Riverside part of the school has been disbursed to different schools, and SAC reviewed. Dr. Browder received consensus to bring back as Tanglewood Elementary School. The new K-8 school on Marsh and Ballard needs renaming; Dr. Browder gave some names from school discussions. It's a feeder school to IB. Mr. Chilmonik offered Rosa Parks as a suggestion; Mrs. Dozier stated several things named after her in Montgomery. There is interest to see what the community thinks (will be brought back).

**D. ADMINISTRATIVE / SUPPORT SERVICES**

- 1. Change Orders / November** – There was no discussion (back-up on file).

**E. BUSINESS SERVICES – none**

**F. HUMAN RESOURCES – none**

**G. EXECUTIVE SERVICES**

- 1. School Board Rules [Chapter 2 Policies; Policy 3.07, PreK-12 Physical Education]** – Dr. Browder noted progression of Chapters 1, 2, and then 3 to be done; 3.07 is due to law requirements. The invaluable sources internally were noted for updating, and there are unique things within a district which could lose emphasis via external revisions.
- 2. Strategic Plan Update** – Dr. Browder sent a memo re the statistics and how we're improving in all areas; he noted the positive rates for graduation and dropout. The state is going though in the wrong direction of not recognizing those kids taking GED or receiving Certificates of Completion (treated as dropouts in the graduation rates); graduation rates aren't reflective of all children (separate groups), and we're proud of the 362 last year with GED or GED-exit option.

**H. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**I. BOARD ATTORNEY (none) / SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS** – Dr. Browder mentioned the 1/23 Board Workshop at 1:00 p.m. He noted, from the Superintendents’ meetings (where 27 of the 30 are elected), that unless some districts get referendums, many will not make payroll until year end. Re collection of taxes where one-third are behind, this could be 9-11% of real money being dealt with; these will be most difficult of times, and opportunities of how we do business will be brought to the workshop. Dr. Browder will provide information on a regular basis; everything we have will be discussed re dollars to the District. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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**Steven K. Teuber, J.D.** Meeting Chair

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**James W. Browder, Ed.D.**, Secretary and District Superintendent

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